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**Areas of Interest/Expertise**
Interest: minority issues in the areas of health, education, and community  
Expertise: public education, people with disabilities, psychology

**Recent Grant Projects**
Beckham, J. (2016, April). *Fairborn, Ohio sign code comparison: Public policy research*  
This project compared Fairborn, Ohio’s sign code ordinances to local and national sign code ordinances to find evidence if Fairborn’s sign code was too restrictive to business development.

Beckham, J. (2015, November). *Sunlight Village: Program Grant for Sunlight Village*  
This project helped a local nonprofit to fund the Living Village Program. The goal is to increase the awareness and accessibility of preventive education and direct counseling to young ladies and young men (ages 14-25) on the subject of infant mortality.

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Measurement Resources Company (MRC) and The Rucks Group collaborated with the Ohio Department of Health to conduct an evaluation to assess the impact of how the engagement of families affects retention of families in the home visiting program. Methods included observation of home visits, survey of families and home visitors. Analysis looked at the association of family characteristics, home visitor characteristics, and family engagement in home visiting with retention in the program.

**Clasen, C. (The Rucks Group) (2014) Evaluation of the Center for Allaying Health Disparities through Research and Education (CADRE) Central State University**
The purpose of the CADRE Project was to enhance research infrastructure and capacity at Central State University in order to increase faculty research and encourage minority students to pursue graduate studies in the biomedical sciences. The project had four major core foci: 1) enhancement of research facilities and technology; 2) strengthen organizational structure, administrative and research infrastructure; 3) enhance faculty research development and training; and 4) promote academic enrichment programs in basic research methodologies for students. Methods included documents review and faculty interviews.
Design of an Evaluation Framework for Programs Targeted to Improvement of Minority Health

A statewide multidisciplinary team generated a culturally appropriate evaluation system for use in assessing the outcomes of Commission-funded health promotion, disease prevention, and health education projects addressing the needs of African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans. A guidance manual was been prepared which identifies for grantees the process of developing a logic model and evaluation plan, specifies the need for outcome indicators that reflect actual behavioral change, and defines process indicators. The need for culturally appropriate evaluation methods is stressed, and examples of instruments that have been validated with minority groups are included.

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Areas of Interest/Expertise

Primary Care, Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration, Health Disparities, Chronic Disease Management, Medication Assisted Treatment

Recent Evaluation Projects

Recovery Consultants of Atlanta: Health Resources and Services Administration Community Health Center Program 2015 Uniform Data System evaluation report

Charlotte Community Health Clinic: Health Resources and Services Administration Community Health Center Program 2015 Uniform Data System evaluation report

Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration Cohort V and Cohort VIII grantee on-going evaluation

Firelands Regional Medical Center: Susan G. Komen for the Cure Northwest Ohio Affiliate community grant funding mid-year and final evaluation report
**Recent Grant Projects**

Health Partners of Western Ohio: U.S. DHHS Substance Abuse Expansion $677,083

Recovery Consultants of Atlanta: U.S. DHHS New Access Point $1,206,667

Charlotte Community Health Clinic: U.S. DHHS New Access Point $1,206,667

Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services: U.S. DHHS Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration $1,536,012

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties: Ohio MHAS $298,514

Bradfield Community Association: Ohio DOE $85,000

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**Areas of Interest/Expertise**

Human Trafficking; Social Justice e.g. healthy disparities

**Sample Recent Projects**

2016 – present  
Human Trafficking Research Project

Serve as PI on a statewide project assessing the implementation of a Human Trafficking Screening Tool and identifying those best practices in domestic minor sex trafficking prevention. In collaboration with Kim Jordan, JD Ohio State University; Anthony Talbott, University of Dayton; Peggy Adams, BGSU. Lead Research Associate: Sandy Sieben, MSW
2016 – present Pathways Project Cincinnati

Serve as PI on a qualitative evaluation identifying those effective elements of reducing health disparities among pregnant women involved in the Pathways Program in Cincinnati, OH. Lead Research Associate: Faith Kelleher, MSW

2016- present Pathways Project Columbus

Serve as PI on a qualitative evaluation identifying those effective elements of reducing health disparities among pregnant women involved in the Pathways Program in Columbus, OH. Lead Research Associate: Sandy Sieben, MSW

2016- present Pathways Project Mansfield

Serve as PI on a qualitative evaluation identifying those effective elements of reducing health disparities among pregnant women involved in the Pathways Program in Mansfield, OH.

2013- present Initiative/Improve Birth Outcomes

Serve as PI on a qualitative evaluation identifying those effective elements of reducing health disparities among pregnant women in Lucas County involved in the Pathways Program in Lucas County, OH.

2015- present Burden of Chronic Disease

Serve as PI on a qualitative evaluation identifying those effective elements of reducing health disparities amongst those with chronic diseases. Lead Research Associate: Patrice Wiley, MSW

2015- present Healthy Start

Serve as PI on a qualitative evaluation of the Healthy Start Program with a focus on ongoing quality improvement. Lead Research Associate, Lisa Belton, MSW

2015- present Community Health Worker Project

Serve as PI on a qualitative evaluation identifying those effective elements to the successful completion of the Community Health Worker Project that provide scholarship, education, and jobs to those in poverty. Lead Research Associate, Kizzy Williams, MPH

2010- 2012 Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in Ohio
PI on a five city quantitative study to determine early indicators and high and low risk areas for domestic minor sex trafficking. Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program. Lead Research Associate, Tasha Perdue, MSW

2010 Human Trafficking Prevalence in Ohio

As Chair of the Research Sub-Committee of the Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Study Commission to study trafficking in Ohio I completed a research study titled, “Preliminary Report on the Prevalence and At-Risk Victims of Human Trafficking in Ohio”. This study was the first in the nation to determine the number of human trafficking victims that are in a state. The report is on the Ohio Attorney General’s website and has been used and referenced by numerous newspaper articles, blogs, and websites.

2008-2010 Human Trafficking Coalition Effectiveness


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Areas of Interest/Expertise
- Forensic Psychology
- Program Evaluation
- Maternal Filicide Corrections
- Research Methods
- Health Law
- Intrafamilial Conflict and Violence
- Public Health

Sample Recent Projects
Professionals Accelerating Clinical and Educational Redesign (PACER), Expanding the PCMH: An Inter-Professional Faculty Development Project with Wright State University and Community Partners. Oregon Health and Science University. 2015-present


Central State University, Dayton, Ohio. (2011-2013). Evaluator for the K4L Youth Empowerment Program which was funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Minority Health. Constructed surveys, conducted focus groups, analyzed data and wrote reports.

Ohio Fatherhood Initiative. (2012-2013). Evaluator for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services assessing programs throughout Ohio that have been funded by the initiative. Developed assessment tool, conducted interviews, analyzed data and wrote reports.

East End Community Services, Dayton, Ohio. (2011 to 2013). Evaluator for "A Better Future" diabetes awareness program funded through the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. Constructed surveys and tracking forms, conducted focus groups, analyzed data and wrote reports.
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Areas of Interest/Expertise

Interest: Health economics, health policy research and program evaluation using big data, survival analysis, and outcomes research.


Sample Recent Projects

Chiyaka, E. (2016, November). Pathways Innovative Intervention Evaluation. This is a community based intervention which has existed for more than a year and is ongoing. The program targets adults who are at risk or have chronic conditions in the Toledo-Lucas county area and it seeks to improve healthcare access and health outcomes. Community Health Workers perform an assessment to determine the Pathways to be opened for each client who is enrolled into the program and all program activities are monitored through a central HUB. The HUB utilizes a “fee for performance” payment model where care coordinating agencies are paid based on specific, measurable outcomes they achieve with their clients. Results indicate that the program was successful in its first year


This community-based intervention lasted one year and targeted pregnant women and their families in seven districts of Zimbabwe. Women who presented themselves for antenatal care were provided counselling services and were tested for HIV using portable point of care machines and results were given within a 20-minute window. The women and their families were provided with education on the importance of knowing their status in order to protect the unborn child. Results indicate that the program was successful and it was scaled up to cover all districts in Zimbabwe.
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Areas of Interest/Expertise
Program development, program evaluation, proposal writing, public policy, urban development, urban diversity, educational policy, health disparities

Sample Recent Projects


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Areas of Interest/Expertise
Program & Organizational Services for Doing Good Better
Assessment | Evaluation | Facilitation | Grant Research & Writing

Special areas of interest: needs assessment, program development, best practices research and logic model development

Sample Recent Projects

2012 – 2016 - Extensive grant writing, needs assessment and proposal development for Transformative Consulting LLC. Projects include numerous Health Resources and Services Administration applications for federal funding for federally qualified health centers’ (FQHC) operations funding, dental service expansion and integrated care service expansion as well as Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration application for FQHC expansion of substance abuse/integrated care services.

2016 - Currently providing REEP evaluation support for Columbus Public Health’s Office of Minority Health funded by Ohio Commission on Minority Health (OCMH). My work includes reviewing program reports and materials, support for survey and other instrument development, logic model development and completing quarterly, annual and bi-annual reports.

2011 – 2013 - Completed REEP evaluation support for Health Partners of Western Ohio (FQHC) – Empower Project. Final evaluation report submitted Sept. 2013 to OCMH. Project’s goal was to reduce risk factors associated with Type 2 diabetes using an eight-week curriculum in collaboration with American Diabetes Association. My work included reviewing descriptive statistics, assessing pre- and post-program changes and completing quarterly, annual and bi-annual reports.
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Areas of Interest/Expertise

Areas of Interest: My overarching goal of research is to promote the health and well-being of low-income minority populations. Specifically, my research focuses on identifying multi-level risk and protective factors that influence health-related behaviors of low-income and high-risk Asian Americans. My long term goal is to develop, implement, and disseminate community-based prevention and intervention programs that target chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and cancer through close partnerships with community organizations.

Expertise: I have extensive experience in planning, implementing, and evaluating community-based prevention and intervention programs to address health disparities among low-income ethnic minority populations through close partnerships with community organizations in diverse settings. My current work at the Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods focuses on developing web-based assessment tools of community readiness and capacity that can be used by front-line practitioners who are interested in implementing policy, system, and environmental (PSE) change interventions such as farmers’ markets for low-income populations. My major role in this mixed methods study include qualitative data collection and analysis, development of measures about community readiness and capacity for obesity prevention, evaluation of the assessment tools, and dissemination of findings.

In addition, I am well versed in quantitative analytic methods. I have received advanced statistics trainings, including Survival analysis, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), and Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM) and applied these skills into my research. Particularly, my dissertation used competing risk models in survival analysis and examined the role of neighborhood disorder and neighborhood social capital in predicting cigarette, alcohol, and marijuana use initiation among low-income Latino and African American adolescents who resided a significant period of their childhood in a public housing in Denver, Colorado. Taken together, I am confident that I am well qualified for a REEP evaluator aiming at promoting health disparity research through close community partnerships as well as sound evaluation of health promotion projects.

Sample Recent Projects

This manuscript describes a consensus-based modeling approach used to develop web-based assessment tools of community readiness and capacity that can be used by front-line practitioners who are interested in implementing farmers’ markets for low-income populations. Modeling methods included, Phase 1: qualitative study with community stakeholders to explore facilitators and barriers influencing successful implementation of farmers’ market interventions in low-income communities; Phase 2: development of indicators based on operationalization of qualitative findings; Phase 3: assessment of relevance and importance of indicators and themes through consensus conference with expert panel; Phase 4: refinement of indicators based on consensus conference; and Phase 5: pilot test of the assessment tool. Findings illuminate a range of implementation factors influencing farmers’ market PSE interventions and offer guidance for tailoring intervention delivery based on levels of community, practitioner, and organizational readiness and capacity. This study was supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2B01OT009042-15) and the U. S. Department of Agriculture (award number G-1415-17-0847 and award number G-1617-0452).


This report is an evaluation of a natural experiment involving the Denver, Colorado, Housing Authority (DHA), which since 1969 has operated public housing units located in a wide range of neighborhoods throughout the city and county of Denver. It explores the extent to which multiple dimensions of neighborhood context affect the physical and behavioral health, exposure to violence, risky behaviors, education, youth and young adult labor market outcomes, and marriage and childbearing of Latino and African-American children and youth from low-income families. This report was prepared under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant H-12612-CA.

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Areas of Interest/Expertise


Teaching experience in Sociology, Criminal Justice, Urban Studies, and Geography.

Sample Recent Projects

Lorain County Storm Water Management Implementation Options for More Effective & Efficient Storm Water Control (April 2010) with Shara Davis

Lorain County Child and Family Health Services: Community Health Indicators Update (September 2011)

Lorain County Health Status (July 2012) with Shara Davis

Medina County Living Well Initiative – Asset Inventory Report (May 2015)

Stocker Foundation Grant Impact Analysis (July 2015) with Shara Davis

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Conservancy, Environmental Education Summer Academy Evaluation Results– Akron City School District (September 2015)

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Conservancy, Environmental Education Summer Academy Evaluation Results – Addendum: Cleveland Municipal School District and Lorain City School District (September 2015)

Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Evaluation (November 2015) with Visobe Welch

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Areas of Interest/Expertise

Interest: Community Development
Addressing Disparities in Urban Environments,
Cultural Competence
Nonprofit/NGO
Leadership Development

Expertise: Urban and Community Development
Community Building & Cultural Competence
Nonprofit/NGO Development
Community-Based Youth Leadership Development
Youth Leadership Development
Mentoring

Sample Projects


Supported HCAN in developing the logic model for their grant application on diabetes prevention. This includes a focus on both qualitative and quantitative measures. I am an integral part of HCAN’s project team to learn about their processes and provide input to ensure that the grant is being executed in ways that support its goals. Develop quarterly reports based on process and output measures and when available, will include outcome measures.
Participate in meetings with OCMH evaluator Manoj Sharma. Supported HCAN in developing the logic model for the year 2 proposal.

Subban, J. (2009 – 2016) TOTS (Taking Off to Success) Evaluator

Evaluate the TOTS program’s parenting component in terms of parent satisfaction with the program, evaluation of parents’ social capital currency, and process evaluation of the program from both parent and staff perspectives. Related work involves identifying program improvements to support families as they work to support their children’s academic success, including new elements for the model used (2-Gen Model) and inter-organizational relationships necessary to ensure that efforts yield the desired outcomes.

Subban (2015-2016). Wright LEAD Community-Based Youth Leadership Institute

Evaluation research on Wright LEAD South Africa, a Community-Based Youth Leadership Institute implemented with high school youth in Durban, South Africa. Instruments used
included a leadership survey, the Cross-Cultural Inventory Assessment, and focus group conversations.

Subban (2015-2016). Wright LEAD Community-Based Youth Leadership Institute
Developed a proposal for implementation of a new Community-Based Community Conservation & Community Mapping Institute for the Wright LEAD program to be implemented in Durban, South Africa. Conducted research on community-based conservation and community mapping and used the research to frame the Institute. Developed the evaluation plan for the project. This project extends existing Community-Based Youth Leadership Institutes offered to South African youth annually.

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**Areas of Interest/Expertise**
Health behavior intervention; adolescent health risk behaviors; survey methodology; program evaluation; statistics

**Recent Projects**


Evans, N. & Sheu, J. J. The Relationships between Perceived Discrimination and Utilization of Mental Health Services among African Americans and Caribbean Blacks.


Taylor, C., Sheu, J. J., Chen, H. S., & Glassman, T. Path Model Validation on the Intention to Administer PRN Opioid Analgesics for Pain Relief to Hospitalized Post-orthopedic Surgery Patients.


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Areas of Interest/Expertise

Interest: Health education and behavioral intervention; community wellness and family wellness; adolescent choices and risky behaviors; healthy lifestyles and disease prevention.
Expertise  All areas of program, impact, and process evaluation. All areas of quantitative research and analysis including but not limited to measurement, survey design, research design, and advanced analytics. All areas of qualitative and mixed-methods designs, include Delphi, Q-methods, Social Network Analysis

Sample Recent Projects


This project was funded by HRSA. The goal of this project was to provide a community wide wellness initiative that would result in slowing down the cost of employer provided health care. Results indicate that a number of untreated conditions were identified and treated, therefore reducing the likelihood of the need for catastrophic care if the individuals followed their maintenance plan. Participants indicated that the educational meetings helped them to change their behavior, increased their knowledge, and had an impact on their attitudes about health eating, exercise, and physician visits.


This is a state commission funded grant project was an educational initiative aimed at reducing the prevalence of diabetes through education and exercise. This is a community-based intervention lasted two years and targeted student’s it the Akron Ohio area. Students were provided with education about nutrition, exercise, and the causes of diabetes. Results indicate that student’s knowledge and reported behaviors improved regarding their food/drink consumption and their daily activities.

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Areas of Interest/Expertise

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Expertise: Development and implementation of evaluation plans, program improvement, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, research design, report writing, client communication
Recent Sample Projects:

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**Evaluation of the Improving Pathways for STEM Retention and Graduation (IPSRG), Central State University**
The purpose of IPSRG is to increase the number of STEM majors, including military veterans, who successfully enter the STEM workforce or pursue advanced degrees by increasing the retention, persistence, and graduation rates through enhanced quality academic experiences. The purpose of the evaluative efforts is to capture information regarding the effectiveness of the implementation of activities for continuous improvement while also gathering evidence of the outcomes of the project. Methods include structured interviews with project staff and STEM instructors, survey of students, document review of relevant project materials, and collection of administrative data.

**Evaluation of the Center for Allaying Health Disparities through Research and Education (CADRE), Central State University**
The purpose of the CADRE Project was to enhance research infrastructure and capacity at Central State University in order to increase faculty research and encourage minority students to pursue graduate studies in the biomedical sciences. The project had four major core foci: 1) enhancement of research facilities and technology; 2) strengthen organizational structure, administrative and research infrastructure; 3) enhance faculty research development and training; and 4) promote academic enrichment programs in basic research methodologies for students. Methods included documents review and faculty interviews.

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Areas of Interest/Expertise
Social psychological explanations for race disparities in physical and mental health; the role of patient and physician narrative in addressing racial health disparities; program evaluation with particular interest in programs aimed at reducing/eliminating race disparities in health.

Sample Recent Projects


Piatt, Elizabeth. 2008-2012. Evaluation of the Akron/Summit County Public Health Office of Minority Health (Commission funded project). This was a Commission funded project to complete both a formative and summative evaluation of a local office of minority health.

This was a Commission funded demonstration project to evaluate the effectiveness of a diabetes risk reduction program for two groups: African-Americans and limited English proficiency.

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Areas of Interest/Expertise

Healthcare, human services, economic development, workforce development, higher education, human services, marketing and policy research, research design and application, secondary data sources, survey methodology, focus group facilitation, outcome-based program evaluation.

Sample Recent Projects

- Served as Assistant Director for Research for the Center for Urban Studies at the University of Akron
- Created and established a full-capacity research laboratory for the Center for Urban Studies at the University of Akron
- Taught undergraduate courses including Introduction to Government and Politics, Current Policy Issues, and Introductory Research Methods
- Established a full service research center and cost recovery unit at Lorain County Community College within four years
- Has designed research studies using both quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques for more than 400 clients throughout Northeast Ohio over 25 years
- Is formally trained in public deliberation or civic and leadership engagement by nationally known organizations
• Served as project director for Voices & Choices, an initiative of the Fund For Our Economic Future comprised of more than 80 philanthropic organizations throughout a sixteen county region of Northeast Ohio
• Was awarded A Key to the Region by the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency
• Was called upon by Ohio’s Chancellor of Higher Education to help design and facilitate the development of a new community college using innovative partnership models to serve the Mahoning Valley and eastern Ohio
• Currently provides leadership for the Public Services Institute, the Joint Center for Policy Research, and the office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning at Lorain County Community College
• Serves as Chair of the College’s Continuous Quality Improvement Council and Institutional Planning Council
• Serves on the Administrative Leadership Team, Human Resource Development Committee, Curriculum Council, Deans Council, and other committees
• Manages the College’s operational system review and academic program review processes
• Serves as the College’s liaison with local government officials and frequently provides leadership for large-scale, transformational change initiatives
• Serves as convener and facilitator for Lorain County’s Health Improvement Plan of which infant mortality is a major focus area.

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Areas of Interest/Expertise
Health behavior intervention; HIV prevention, teen pregnancy prevention; survey methodology; infant mortality reduction, program evaluation

Sample Recent Projects
REEP Panel member, assisting with oversight of the evaluation of Commission’s grant funded projects, 2015/2016

Infant Mortality Reduction- evaluating the Child and Family Health Services Consortium of Lorain County focused on infant mortality, 2015/2016

Dawson et al (2015) Building state, academic, and community partnerships to improve health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities

Mercy Hospital, Ohio Commission on Minority Health funded Diabetes Education and Prevention Program, local evaluator

Lorain County Urban League, Ohio Commission on Minority Health funded Diabetes Education and Prevention Program, local evaluator

Lorain County Urban League, Ohio Commission on Minority Health funded Asthma Education and Prevention Program, local evaluator

Urban Minority Alcohol and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP), federally funded/SAMHSA HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Project, program evaluator

Lorain City, federally/SAMHSA funded, multi-partner, Community Resilience & Recovery Initiative to improve behavioral health outcomes for Lorain City Residents, program evaluator